

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 41-59 are pending in the application, with claim 41 being the independent claim. Applicants have amended claims 56-59 to depend from claim 55. Claims 56-59 were inadvertently presented in the Supplemental Amendment filed on December 22, 2003 as depending from claim 54. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Reply to Election of Species Requirement

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated July 1, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect:

- (a) the peptide of claim 43 (10 amino acids in length); and
- (b) a peptide fused to a linker.

Claims 41, 43, 46, 52, 53, 55 and 59 read on such species. The above-listed elections are made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. All of the above-listed elections are made without traverse

Claim 41 is generic. Applicants assert the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim thereto is found to be allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a).


It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application,

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then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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